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SUBJECT: ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING - DRAFT COMMUNIQUE

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT ANZUS COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE TO
BE TRANSMITTED TO GOA AND GNZ. COPIES OF TEXT ARE BEING
PROVIDED TO AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND EMBASSIES. QUOTE:

1. THE ANZUS COUNCIL HELD ITS 27TH MEETING IN WASHINGTON
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ON JUNE 7 AND 8, 1978. THE RIGHT HONORABLE BRIAN TALBOYS,
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
REPRESENTED NEW ZEALAND; THE HONORABLE ANDREW S. PEACOCK,
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REPRESENTED AUSTRALIA; AND
THE HONORABLE CYRUS VANCE, SECRETARY OF STATE, REPRESENTED
THE UNITED STATES.

2. THE COUNCIL MEMBERS PAID TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF SIR ROBERT MENZIES. THEY NOTED THE LEADING ROLE HE PLAYED IN THE FORMATION OF ANZUS AND HIS COMMITMENT TO THE CLOSEST TIES AMONG THE ANZUS PARTNERS.

3. THE THREE COUNTRIES REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMON COMMITMENT TO THE DEMOCRATIC TRADITIONS AND PRACTICES WHICH COMPRISE THE CENTRAL ELEMENTS OF THEIR SOCIETIES. THEY UNDERTOOK TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO PROMOTE THEIR SHARED INTERESTS.

4. THE COUNCIL MEMBERS EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THE CLOSE TIES AMONG THE PARTNERS. THEY NOTED THAT THESE HAD BEEN STRENGTHENED IN THE PAST YEAR BY VISITS OF THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTERS TO WASHINGTON AND THE VISIT OF THE AMERICAN VICE PRESIDENT TO CANBERRA AND WELLINGTON.

5. THE MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THE GREAT IMPORTANCE THAT EACH MEMBER ATTACHES TO THE ANZUS ALLIANCE AND THEIR DETERMINATION TO FULFILL THE PURPOSES OF THE ANZUS TREATY. THEY AGREED THAT ROUTINE JOINT MILITARY EXERCISES ARE AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THEIR CONTINUING MILITARY COOPERATION.

6. SHARING A SPECIAL INTEREST IN DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC AREA, THE COUNCIL MEMBERS PLEDGED CONTINUED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EFFORTS TO PROMOTE PEACE AND STABILITY THERE. THEY AGREED THAT ANZUS MAKES A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO REGIONAL STABILITY AND TO THE PROSPECTS FOR CONTINUED PEACE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION. THE MINISTERS STRESSED THE PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN IN REGIONAL AND GLOBAL AFFAIRS AND EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR JAPAN'S EFFORTS TO INCREASE DOMESTIC DEMAND AND REDUCE ITS TRADE SURPLUS. THE COUNCIL NOTED THAT REGIONAL STABILITY WAS BEING ENHANCED BY THE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND COUNTRIES IN THE AREA AND EXPRESSED ITS SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PRC. THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED THE CONVICTION THAT THE IMPORTANT PROGRESS MADE BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA'S ARMED FORCES WOULD ALLOW THEM TO ASSUME A GREATER ROLE IN THE DEFENSE OF THAT COUNTRY WITH CONTINUING SUPPORT TO BE PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES. THE MINISTERS SUPPORTED THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA'S CALL TO NORTH KOREA FOR A RESUMED DIALOGUE AS A FIRST STEP TOWARD A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE KOREA QUESTION.

7. THE COUNCIL CONDUCTED A FRANK AND FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON A BROAD RANGE OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SECURITY ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE ANZUS PARTNERS, INCLUDING EFFORTS TO RELIEVE TENSIONS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD. COUNCIL PARTICULARLY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME TO THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS TALKS BEING CONDUCTED BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION. THE MINISTERS EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO LIMIT NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AND EXPRESSED THEIR FIRM SUPPORT FOR A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY. COUNCIL MEMBERS UNDERLINED

THE GREAT IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACHED TO THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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8. THE MINISTERS REVIEWED THE PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION TO REACH AN AGREEMENT LIMITING THEIR MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THEY AGREED THAT THE MILITARY PRESENCE OF THE US AND THE SOVIET UNION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN REGION SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AT THE LOWEST PRACTICABLE LEVEL. THEY ALSO AGREED THAT SUCH AN AGREEMENT WOULD NOT DETRACT FROM THE ANZUS ALLIANCE BUT WOULD ENHANCE THE SECURITY OF THE PARTNERS AND ALL COUNTRIES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN REGION.

9. IN REVIEWING THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC SITUATION, THE MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THE NEED FOR A GENERAL REDUCTION OF BARRIERS TO TRADE AND RESISTING PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES. THEY AGREED THAT THIS COULD BEST BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH A SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. THEY EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR THOSE NEGOTIATIONS TO DEAL ADEQUATELY WITH BARRIERS TO TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

10. THE MINISTERS REITERATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR A CONTINUED FLOW OF ASSISTANCE TO THE COUNTRIES OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD IN ORDER TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. THEY AGREED THAT AN EQUITABLE AND SOUNDLY BASED WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER WAS AN ESSENTIAL AND VITAL FACTOR IN PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL STABILITY AND PEACE. THE MINISTERS AGREED THE JUNE 14-15 OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING WOULD PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT FORUM FOR FURTHER REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS.

11. REVIEWING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE MINISTERS COMMENDED THE HISTORIC MOVES OF PRESIDENT SADAT OF EGYPT AND PRIME MINISTER BEGIN OF ISRAEL IN THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT PEACE.

12. THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA AND IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND CALLED UPON THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA TO REFRAIN FROM MILITARY INTERVENTION IN AFRICAN DISPUTES. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR ANGLO-AMERICAN EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN ZIMBABWE AND FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE WESTERN FIVE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO SECURE AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR INDEPENDENCE AND MAJORITY RULE IN NAMIBIA.

13. THE MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THEIR STRONG SUPPORT FOR ASEAN. THEY NOTED THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION THAT ASEAN

HAS MADE TO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EXPRESSED THEIR CONFIDENCE THAT THE ORGANIZATION WOULD BE OF EVEN GREATER IMPORTANCE IN THE FUTURE.

14. COUNCIL MEMBERS REAFFIRMED THEIR INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO PLAY MAJOR ROLES IN INSURING THE PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT OF THE REFUGEES WHOSE FLIGHT FROM INDOCHINA CONTINUES. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR GRATIFICATION WITH THE ROLE MANY OTHER NATIONS ARE PLAYING IN THIS EFFORT AND THEIR HOPES THAT NATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR RECEIVING REFUGEES WOULD BE EXPANDED. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE IMPORTANT ROLE BEING PLAYED BY THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES IN ALLEVIATING SUFFERING AND MISERY, AND CALLED ON HIS ORGANIZATION TO RENEW ITS EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE IMPROVEMENTS IN FIRST ASYLUM PRACTICES THROUGHOUT SOUTHEAST ASIA AND TO PERSUADE OTHER NATIONS CAPABLE OF RESETTLING REFUGEES TO PROVIDE PERMANENT HOMES FOR INDOCHINESE. DURING THEIR DISCUSSION OF INDOCHINA THE COUNCIL MEMBERS CONDEMNED THE CONTINUED FLAGRANT VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS TAKING PLACE IN CAMBODIA.

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15. THE MINISTERS COMMENDED THE CONTINUING STEPS TOWARD POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION BEING MADE BY THE STATES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC AND EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS TO FORM A SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES AGENCY. THEY NOTED THAT AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND US MEMBERSHIP IN SUCH AN ORGANIZATION WOULD ENHANCE ITS

CONTRIBUTION TO REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. COUNCIL MEMBERS WELCOMED THE IMPENDING INDEPENDENCE OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS AND EXPRESSED THEIR CONFIDENCE THAT IT WOULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SOUTH PACIFIC AFFAIRS.

16. THE MINISTERS REVIEWED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS AND EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED STATES OBJECTIVE OF TERMINATING THE TRUSTEESHIP BY 1981. THEY NOTED WITH APPROVAL THE PLAN FOR A JULY 12 UNITED NATIONS OBSERVED REFERENDUM IN WHICH TRUST TERRITORY CITIZENS WILL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE TYPE OF FUTURE GOVERNMENT THEY DESIRE.

17. THE COUNCIL MEMBERS AGREED TO MEET AGAIN IN CANBERRA AT A DATE TO BE DECIDED IN 1979.
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